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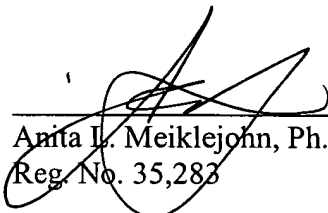
PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Notice of Appeal filed December 23, 2002, be extended for five months to and including July 23, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is being filed herewith.

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